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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR CULTURING

MULTIPOTENT STEM CELLS AND

UTILIZATION OF THE SAME

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 25, 2008, the following reply is respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks, beginning on page 5 of this paper.